

LIFE GROUP MINISTRY OVERVIEW

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Mission:

To connect people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Win:

We foster life groups where participants take next steps to become more like Jesus. We call this spiritual growth.

Why groups?

Life groups support the process of spiritual growth by promoting accountability, encouraging belonging, and providing care.

We want leaders and group members to grow to be more like Jesus who taught us to:

- Trust in God
- Love one another
- Serve, Invite, and Give to meet the hopes and hurts of others

What is our life group model?

- Open groups
- 12-24 months
- Groups that multiply
- Begin brand new groups through church-wide campaign

What is your role as a leader?

- Lead the group by facilitating the group meeting, monitoring its health, and progressing through the nine group essentials.
- Encourage the process of spiritual growth by asking questions, promoting participation, and modeling helpful transparency.
- Identify and mentor them as they launch a new group.
- Keep connected with your Life Groups Director.

What is the role of your Life Groups Director?

- Provide you pastoral leadership
- Coach and equip you
- Meet with you and your apprentice at least 2 times a year

How will you be developed?

- Attend at least two leader huddles/trainings per year.
- Meet at least two times with your director per year.
- Access resources

What is the focus of your development?

- What do we want you to **do**?

The Nine Group Essentials

- Grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Cultivate relationships within the group.
- Promote participation by keeping everyone involved.
- Provide pastoral care for each other.
- Invite others to join your group.
- Increase evangelistic behavior.
- Serve together.
- Prepare others for leadership.
- Transition well as you multiply or birth new life groups within 1 to 2 years.

- What do we want you to **know**?

- The Gospel
- The Scriptures
- Sharing your faith naturally
- Engaging Culture
- Our spiritual growth strategy
- Yourself (identity, personality, gifting)

- How do we want you to **be**?

- Humble
- Teachable
- Curious
- Intentional